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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 25TH, 1914.

At Christmas-time people seem to become, by an obscure festive instinct, members of a large and happy family, and one and all extend to each other generous sentiments both for the day itself and the year which is to follow. To an Englishman Christmas is the time of the year when business worries, for a day at least, have to be banished to make way for family ré-unions and parties in which pleasure is the chief object; old times are fondly talked of, and sons and daughters, many themselves now fathers and mothers, return with a new and peculiarly touching affection to that apron-string which, during the progress of years, has now become a sacred filial tie. Realising what Christmas means in every English home, from the Poor's brilliant mansion to the lowly cottager's comely hearth, one's thoughts quite naturally turn to the war and the devastating influence of its consequences in homes which on previous Christmas Days have been filled with laughter and good cheer; a venerable silver-haired couple crooning happily over the return of those whom they have reared so zealously. Though a more or less happy Christmas will be spent by those who are as yet not intimately affected by the fall of brave men, it is needless to say that in the midst of transient happiness faces will become tinged with sadness when thoughts travel to the cold and dreadful battlefields of France and Belgium, and to those men who are maintaining their long and anxious vigil on the deep, to whom a mistake or false move means disaster; men who, by their tenacious adherence to the sternest of all duties, are enabling the people of England and her many possessions to spend a Christmas free at least from the direct horrors of war. Try as one might at this Christmas time, thoughts can never be dissociated from those brave men who, when perhaps our own Christmas evening has reached its most jovial point, are making the most noble and sacred of all sacrifices—dying that their country might live. Then there will be the many sad homes of

England; homes which have been robbed of their best manhood, happy and healthy young fellows who at the last Christmas ré-union were the heart and soul of all the merry proceedings, and loving fathers who brought joy to the hearts of their young family by fraudulently becoming the mythical SANTA CLAUS and gingerly filling the socks and stockings with the usual collection of wonderful toys brought direct from his snowy regions. One has only to think of the long lists of heroes which have been published to understand what the war will mean to the highest and lowliest of English homes. The anticipated joy of the family has been suddenly changed to grief and mourning, and they will only be able to think of the chair—aye, in many homes more than one chair—which will always be vacant. Our hearts go out to those who mourn this Christmas time; whose only comfort will be the knowledge that those for whom their tears silently fall have met the most noble of deaths, and whose memory will be revered in every English home. To the men who are fighting as we who stay at home at once settle down to Christmas pleasures; our thoughts also go out, and we silently pray that on this day, at least, they may be spared to enjoy all the many loving tokens which have been sent to them by those who are closest and dearest.

In the face of all that has happened and is happening this present Christmas must necessarily be robbed of its customary glamour and joviality. It will be the same in the countries of our Allies as well as in those of our enemies, and more especially in Germany, where Christmas festivities exceed our own in their thoroughness. Here in this remote but not unimportant corner of the British Empire where we are spared the horrors of war, and even the sight of them, and consequently are able to observe in much the same quiet way as usual the time-honoured customs of Christmas, the war is bound to hang as a pall over the festival. In our minds we instinctively draw the contrast between the peaceful serenity of Hongkong and the horrors which are being daily perpetrated in the theatre of war, with all the attendant anxiety and pain suffered by the loved ones our soldiers and sailors have left behind them. We shall not at such a moment omit to honour in our silent toasts the many thousands of heroes who have already sacrificed their lives for the country, or to honour also the multitudes who have volunteered to make a similar sacrifice, if need be, in the noble and proud spirit of patriotism crystallised in Kipling's line, "Who dies if England live?" We owe to them our undying gratitude. Yet, in close keeping with the spirit of Christmas, we shall not cease to while to fervently hope that before another year has passed "peace on earth" will be re-established, and that the era will have dawned when battlefields will for evermore, in Europe at least, be furled in a Parliament of men in which,

The common-sense of most shall hold a  
fretful realm in age,  
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in  
universal law.

To-day being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow, but in the event of important cable news being received an "Extra" will be issued.

The Christmas vacation of the Supreme Court commenced yesterday and will continue until January 1st.

At the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese was fined \$1,000 by Mr. Wood for being in possession of 100 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. B. P. Sheldon, who left Shanghai in March this year, has received a commission as 1st Lieutenant in the Black Watch.

For stealing six ingots of anti-friction metal from the Kowloon Docks, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Magistracy yesterday.

Many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn that the name of Major G. T. Brierley, D.S.O., R.G.A., appears among the killed in one of the latest casualty lists.

A telegram which has been received from Mr. T. H. Whitehead, the London manager of the Chartered Bank in the Colony, mentions that the Cambridge University has conferred upon Mr. Lew Yuk Lin, who is just relinquishing the post of Chinese Minister to London, the honorary degree of LL.D.

At the annual meeting of the Penang Cricket Club, Mr. Dunn presiding, the following resolution was carried:—"A subject of any State who has taken up or may take up arms against the British Empire in the present war shall not be eligible to be elected nor shall he remain a member of the club."

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday at the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—  
His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, SIR FRANCIS HERTY MAY, K.C.M.G.  
His Excellency MAJOR-GENERAL F. H. KELLY, O.B. (General Officer Commanding Troops).

Hon. Mr. CLAUD SEVERN (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. A. F. CHURCHILL (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIPAX (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. Wei YUK, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK.

Hon. Mr. D. LANDALE.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. SHELLEN.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAH.

Mr. M. J. BREEN (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 88 to 92, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

PAPER.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee held on December 17th, and moved that it be passed.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION).

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution:—"It is hereby resolved that a sum of \$348,898.93 be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1914." In doing so he said:—"Sir, I beg to submit the resolution which stands in my name, and in doing so I wish to express regret at its being brought forward so late in the year. This is chiefly due to the fact that the Manager of the railway has been on leave since April last, and has only recently returned. In connection with the resolution, I lay on the table the statement of the estimated expenditure and capital account during the year 1914, showing the expenditure year by year up to date on the railway, and a statement overleaf giving particulars of expenditure sanctioned since the submission of the statement on the 10th April, 1913. You will see, in looking at this statement, in column 6, that no actual figures are given opposite the items 1 to 10, as in the other columns. The reason for this is that the items that will eventually go into that column cannot be accurately estimated now, and so it is impossible to enter figures opposite each item which would not have to be altered subsequently. I do not propose to move the resolution now, but in accordance with the practice hitherto, to move that this account be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. While doing so, I should like to draw attention to one or two items. There is a large item in column 9—stores in suspense, \$80,389.79. It is stated in the remarks that this sum represents the cost of 'one locomotive, carriage underframes, coal in stock, oil, and other stores.' Now at first sight the expenditure on one locomotive and carriage underframes would not appear to be items such as might be a charge on capital account. The locomotive and the underframes could be put under their proper head—E and F, in column 9—but at present it is impossible to ascertain the cost of the insurance and freight, and until that has been done the figures cannot be accurately estimated. As regards the coal, oil, and stores, the explanation is this:—On the outbreak of war 1,000 tons of coal were purchased and also a large quantity of oil and stores, as the cost in the future was uncertain. The total cost of these has, therefore, for the present, been charged to capital account under the heading 'Stores in suspense,' and as they are used for the working account of the railway will be debited in the ordinary way, and the capital account be reduced accordingly. The result will be that this sum of \$80,389.79 will disappear from that column, and certain sums will appear under E and F of column 9, for the locomotive and rolling stock. That, of course, being the largest part of the \$80,000, and the balance coal and oil, will be merged into the ordinary working expenses of the railway. The acquisition of rolling stock referred to in the particulars of expenses will, it is estimated, complete the equipment of the railway and rolling stock, and further purchases chargeable to capital account will not be necessary. Any further purchases will be ordinary working annual expenses. In the fourth item, extension to engine-shed and loco yard, the cost of certain additional land which must be acquired is not included. It is anticipated that it can be acquired by the exchange of Crown land, and the value of this will be deducted hereafter. I beg to move that the account be referred to the Finance Committee."

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and this was agreed to.

HIS EXCELLENCY—There is no more business, gentlemen. Council stands adjourned until this day week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$292 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, E—Office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry, Personal Emoluments, Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks, Acting Deputy Official Receiver.

The Chairman—This sum of \$292 is for the officer who is at present assisting the Official Receiver in bankruptcy, owing to the great pressure of work in that department. This officer has the powers of an Official Receiver, and the Governor has granted him a special allowance of \$100 a month. In the ordinary course this officer would be acting in a post where he would be getting a duty allowance, which would be about equal to \$100 per month. That duty allowance happens not to be drawn, but it would be irregular to allow him to draw it when he is not acting in that office. In view of this, the Governor made him a special allowance of \$100 a month, and this \$292 is the amount required up to the end of the year.

This was approved.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$540 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works Department.

Other Charges:—

Electric Fans and Light ..... \$ 40

Transport and Travelling ..... 500

Expenses ..... 500

Total ..... \$540

PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$5,005 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent.

Hongkong:—

Miscellaneous, Maintenance of Public Recreation Grounds, \$ 140

Kowloon:—

Water Works, Maintenance of Water Works, 2,045

New Territories:—

Communications, Maintenance of Roads and Bridges—Mainland, 70

Miscellaneous, Typhoon and Rainsstorm Damages—Mainland and Islands in Northern District, 720

Total ..... \$5,005

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,880 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary.

Hongkong:—

Miscellaneous, Survey of Colony, \$ 65

Kowloon:—

Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Works, 1,400

New Territories:—

Miscellaneous, Fencing Round Police Stations, 120

Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Works, 305

Total ..... \$1,880

The CHAIRMAN—These three items are special sums required for the Public Works Department. They are small sums, with one exception. The only large sum is \$2,045 for the maintenance of waterworks in Kowloon. This is owing to more water being used, and more having to be filtered.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—It is for sand-washing, and the cleaning of the filtering medium.

The CHAIRMAN—If an explanation is required by any member regarding any of these items—for instance, transport and travelling \$500, which is more than was expected—it will be given. These are works which have been authorised, but no substantial provision was made in the estimates. In the Director of Public Works in a position to say anything in regard to this?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—A certain vote is drafted annually for miscellaneous works, and is allocated for certain work. In the course of that work, for which the money is allocated, more work becomes necessary. Consequently, this additional work is authorised, but the supplementary vote is not taken until the total amount required is exactly known.

These votes were approved.

GOLF COURSES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$9,617.07 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Resumption of Land for Golf Courses at Fan-Ling.

The CHAIRMAN—This is in connection with the resumption of land on the golf course at Fan-Ling. A considerable sum was expended on the land required for what is known as the relief course, and when all that had been acquired it was found it would be very convenient to have one title for the whole of the land in the occupation of the Golf Club. That meant that in order to put the Government in the same position towards the Golf Club with regard to the whole of their land, the Golf Club would have to hand over to the Government all land they were originally in possession of for the main courses, and have one lease for the whole lot. As the Club had already expended a sum of \$1,182 on the land they already held, it was necessary for the Government to pay that back to the Club and put the old land back to the same footing as the new. This means that the Government will draw 43 per cent on the total amount expended. A small sum has also been spent for acquiring land, \$434. That was paid by the Club, and has been added on to the \$1,182, and this, with other small items, makes the total of \$9,617.07. The Secretary of State has given his approval for the payment of this money, and the result will now be that one title will be prepared for the whole of the land occupied by the Club, and the Government will get 43 per cent on the money which has been expended.

This was approved.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION).

The CHAIRMAN—Now we come to this account of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. On the 10th April, 1913, the amount asked for was \$400,000 and since then, as you see overleaf, definite proposals, involving capital expenditure, have been approved. The Kowloon Railway Station is put at the round sum of \$250,000. Up to the end of this year, the sum expended is \$98,459. The carriages and underframes are required to bring up the total number to what is required for the efficient working of the line. As to typhoon damages: This sum has been reduced from a larger sum to the lowest

possible figure, and it is for strengthening the banks in the exposed portion of the railway between Shatin and Tai Po Stations. The typhoon of August, 1913, did a considerable amount of damage, and it became clear that unless the work was thoroughly taken in hand subsequent typhoons might make the railway quite dangerous. The extension to the engine shed and loco yard I have already explained. The item \$194,000 is the reduced estimate for the new building required. The present carriage shed has become the paint shop; there should be sufficient carriage sheds built for all the rolling stock that we shall have, and the size of the engine shed will be increased to hold the new engine. With regard to the quarters for the staff, that was explained by His Excellency in his address to the Council when the Estimates were brought forward. The principle adopted is that which is in force on other railways in China; giving quarters free of rent. This is an outside estimate of \$70,000, and the work will probably be done for rather less. With reference to the cost of three locomotives and one motor-coach, the question of saving expenditure and yet providing for passengers late in the day and during the night has been under consideration for some time. It has at last been decided to get a motor-coach which will take all the first and third-class passengers who are likely to want to travel at odd hours and late at night. It will not involve the keeping of the staff on overtime, nor the cost of our taking a heavy train to the New Territories. It is hoped that this experiment will bring in a revenue without any great expenditure accruing from it. One more locomotive is on the line, and also eight main line coaches. The signalling at Kowloon station has been given very careful consideration by the consulting engineers at Home, and two or three alternative schemes were considered, and the one which has been approved is supposed to be the most efficient as well as the most economical to the new station in question.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—There is one point I would like to make in regard to this vote. You are asking on almost the last day of the year for a vote of \$348,898.93 in addition to the original Budget which was passed here about fifteen months ago. It seems to me that it would have been better and more satisfactory, seeing that this money was going to be spent—it must have been known that it was to be spent in 1914—if it had been quoted in the estimates and put before us in the autumn of 1914.

The CHAIRMAN—This is not a Colonial estimate. It could not have been put in the Colonial estimates because it is not part of the Colonial expenditure. It is capital expenditure.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Well, we have got to spend the money, and it seems to me that when the Budget was put before us in October, 1913, some sort of recognition should have been given to this possible expenditure.

The CHAIRMAN—The only item then was the Kowloon Station.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Well, I cannot conceive why so recently as October, 1913, in dealing with the Budget of the present year, it was not brought before us. Surely it must have been understood by somebody or other—the railway authorities or whoever carry on this work—that a considerable expense would be incurred during 1914. It seems to me that it would have been more satisfactory if the Council had been informed two or three months ago that there would be a possible expenditure of three or four lakhs over and above the estimates put before us at the time, and that that money would be required during 1914. The Governor balances his books and puts before us certain statements, yet on this last day of the year we are suddenly called upon to pass a vote of \$348,898.93 over and above the estimates put before us fifteen months ago. I do not raise this in any spirit of calumny, but merely as a point.

The CHAIRMAN—These sums are not connected with the Government revenue, but I quite agree that they might have been put in at a much earlier date, in order to give hon. members some adumbration of what is going on. This is really part of the construction account, but I think it might have been put before the Council at any rate eight months ago. Your point is certainly worth considering.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—My point is that it should have come before us in a nebulous state fifteen months ago.

The CHAIRMAN—I understand it is hoped that the sum shown in the additional statement will complete a good deal of the expenditure in connection with the railway, with the exception of any possible cases of exchange of land. If this has to be done the railway will have to be debited with the cost of the land, because the railway is a commercial undertaking, and therefore, though Crown land is being exchanged, the Colony will have to get the benefit of it. However, it is possible that this is the end of the capital expenditure on the railway as a single line.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Has this amount been really spent?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, and I shall move at the next meeting a vote to cover the expenses during the current year on works which will eventually total the amount of the vote.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Are we voting the difference between the amount on page 4 and the amount in column 9?

The CHAIRMAN—The only thing the Finance Committee can agree to is this sum of \$348,898.93. You agree to authorise the payment. There will have to be a vote next year, because the work will go on. For instance, the balance of the railway station and typhoon damage will be an expenditure, and it is not begun yet, of \$150,000. We have only spent \$30,000 on the station out of an estimate of \$250,000, and next year we shall probably have to vote the difference between \$348,898.93 and \$1,182,000, the cost of the work. It might not be finished, but we shall have to vote a considerable portion of the difference.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Then a great deal of the amounts on page 4 are to be spent in 1915?

The CHAIRMAN—That is so.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—And we can take it that after paying these three lakhs and a half there will be a balance of seven lakhs to be added to the estimated expenditure for 1914?

The CHAIRMAN—Nearly eight lakhs, according to this statement.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—That is no part of the Budget expenditure put before us six weeks ago.

The CHAIRMAN—It has nothing to do with the Budget.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—What is the meaning of the item \$12,685.76 "write back on loss on stores"?

The CHAIRMAN—That dates back for years. When the stores were got out for the railway which was in process of construction they were gradually sent out along the railway to the railway head, and for some reason best known to the authorities at the time they kept on deducting from the value of the stores for the purposes of their books; and the result was that as time went on the stores had a good deal deducted from their value, although the authorities had all the expense of sending them out constantly to the railway head. Thus, when the construction was finished, there were a good many stores on hand. I am informed that an enormous amount of dynamite required for the tunnels was left over, and the balance of it was sold back to the people who sold it to the railway at considerable loss—a loss altogether of \$14,000. This sum has, I understand, been very carefully got at to replace the stores at their original book value before these curious deductions were made. Really, these deductions ought never to have been made.

The account was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—I would like my point to be made note of, so that it can be mentioned in Council.

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, that point is certainly worth considering.

This was all the business.

THE KING'S GREETINGS TO THE  
NAVY.

The Commodore yesterday received the following message from His Majesty the King:—

"The Queen and I send the officers and men of the Navy our hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

## A WEEK OF PRAYER.

We have received the following letter from the Bishop of Victoria with regard to the Week of Prayer, January, 3-9, 1915:—

DEAR FRIENDS.—His Majesty the King has intimated that there is a national call for United Prayer, Intercession, and Thanks giving, and for remembrance of those who have fallen in their country's cause, and that he regards the beginning of the year as a fitting season to be thus solemnized, and that he thinks Sunday, January 3rd, 1915, may well be the chosen day. All Christian people within the British Empire will, therefore, desire to observe that day in the way His Majesty suggests. His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong has notified us that he will officially attend a special service of intercession on that day.

We are informed that throughout and beyond the British Empire, in almost all parts of the world (not excluding Germany and Austria), that week will be marked by humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God for His Church, the nations of the world, soldiers and sailors, missions and families.

We therefore appeal to all prayerful people in the Colony of Hongkong to observe Sunday, January 3rd, 1915, as a day of humble prayer, and to join, so far as may be, in the observance of the whole of that week as a time of special intercession.

Bishop Pozzoni of the Roman Catholic Mission in Hongkong writes that he agrees with the foregoing appeal as it is in perfect accordance with what the members of his Church will do.

We desire to draw special attention to the united meetings for intercession that are being organised by the Hongkong Christian Union at 6.30 p.m. daily from January 4 to 9 inclusive, in the City Hall, except on Friday, January 8th, when the meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon. We are, Yours faithfully—

G. H. VICTORIA, Bishop.

E. JUDG BARNET, Archdeacon of Hongkong.

C. BONE, Superintendent of Wesleyan Mission.

C. L. COOPER HUNT, Chaplain to the Forces.

J. KIRK MACDONALD, Minister of the Union Church.

H. COPELEY MOYLE, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral.

T. W. PEARCE, Secretary of the London Mission.

N. C. POVE, Chaplain of St. Andrew's, Kowloon.

D. R. HENDRICKS, Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen.

Hongkong, Christmas, 1914.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO.,  
LIMITED.

The following are the Company's figures for week ending 19th December, 1914:—

Receipts ..... \$9,813

Decrease compared with corresponding week last year



# THE WAR.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
4.30 p.m.

To-day's Paris communiqué says:—

Yesterday we made slight progress between the sea and the road from Nieuport to Westende, and also in the districts of Steenstraete and Bixchoete, where we captured a wood, some houses, and a redoubt.

We recaptured, in co-operation with the British, the village of Givenchy-Les-La Bassée.

A thick fog in Arras checked our activities.

There have been artillery engagements eastward of Amiens, on the Aisne, and also in Champagne.

At Perthes-les-Hurlus, after a lively cannonade and two assaults, we captured the last section of the enemy's line, making an average gain of 800 metres. We captured the last trench, with a detachment of quick-firers, men, and equipment. We repulsed a vigorous counter-attack.

We also progressed to the north-east of Beau Sejour, where the enemy once made an unsuccessful counter-attack.

There has been an appreciable advance at Bois-de-la-Grurie over a trench front of 400 metres, and a depth varying from 250 metres.

We blew up two German lines, and occupied the excavations thus formed.

Fighting is proceeding in the region of Bourguilles, but the results scored yesterday, which were of some importance, do not appear to have been altogether maintained.

There is nothing to report elsewhere.

A Paris evening communiqué states:—

The progress of our attacks between the Meuse and the Argonne has been almost completely maintained. Our front in that region reached the wire entanglements of the enemy at the south-west of Salient Bois-de-Forges, to the east of Cuisy, which runs along the road leading from Bois de Bourguilles. There was no other incident of importance.

### THEIR MAJESTIES XMAS CARDS TO THE FORCES.

LONDON, December 24th.

Every soldier in the trenches, and every sailor in the North Sea, along with those who are wounded in the hospitals, will receive to-morrow a personal greeting from the King and Queen on cards bearing their Majesties' portraits and Christmas wishes in facsimile writing. The King has made a special sitting in khaki uniform for the soldiers, and in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet for the Navy. The card for both the soldiers and sailors is inscribed as follows:—"May God protect you and bring you home safe."

The card for the wounded is inscribed as follows:—"May you soon be restored to health."

The cards are enclosed in a special envelope bearing the Royal Arms in a setting of crimson.

One hundred and eighty packing cases were needed for the conveyance of the cards.

## THE RUSSIAN OPERATIONS.

"GENERALLY FAVOURABLE" ON ALL FRONTS.

LONDON, December 24th.

A Petrograd official statement says that the operations on the 22nd inst. were generally favourable to the Russian Arms on all fronts, especially on the rivers Nida and Dunajetz and in the Carpathians.

The Germans concentrated their efforts during the night end all day on the 22nd inst. in an attempt to force the rivers Bura and Rawa in an effort to reach Skierniwice. They were thrown back across the rivers to their old positions, losing enormously.

### PORTUGAL TO BE ADDED TO WARRING NATIONS.

GERMANS ADVANCING IN FORCE AGAINST ANGOLA.

LONDON, December 23rd.  
6.15 p.m.

Reuter is officially informed that Germans from South-West Africa are advancing against Angola in force.

A message from Lisbon says that the Chamber of Deputies adopted a resolution of confidence in the Government, and resolved to continue to defend the Republic vigorously, expedite arrangements for the Military defence of the Colonies, and preparations for intervention in the war on the side of Great Britain.

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE TO RE-OPEN.

LONDON, December 23rd.

It is officially announced that the London Stock Exchange will re-open on January 4th.

### EXPLANATION OF AUSTRIAN DEFEAT.

LONDON, December 24th.  
6.45 a.m.

A Vienna communiqué explaining the defeat in Serbia, states that sufficient regard is not paid to the difficulties created by the bad weather which had made impossible the supply of the troops. Severe losses were thus inevitable.

The communiqué concludes by stating that Commander-in-Chief Potiorek has resigned on account of health, and has been succeeded by Archduke Eugen.

## WAR NEWS.

CIVILIAN COMBATANTS.

AMSTERDAM, November 16th.

A proclamation issued in East Prussia urges the whole population to take up arms and maintain guerilla warfare against the Russians.

AMSTERDAM, November 17th.

The Kaiser's recent order to the peasants of East Prussia to wage guerilla warfare against the Russians is contrasted here with the German excuse for the devastation of Belgium towns and the massacre of Belgian citizens. It is pointed out that wherever a shot was taken to have been fired in a Belgian town or village the Germans sacked and burned the place and ruthlessly shot its leading citizens on the ground that civilians must be taught to be absolutely non-combatant during invasion. The German proclamation to the inhabitants of East Prussia, however, declares that these methods of defence are permissible when the enemy crosses the frontier. It demands all to take up arms and preferably to wear civilian dress in order to surprise the enemy better.

### THE COST OF A SPY SYSTEM.

"The secret intelligence department of the German War Office," says the *Chicago Daily Journal*, is the wonder of the world. But did the Kaiser ever stop to think what the perfection of that spy system is likely to cost his subjects?

When the war is over, tens of thousands of young Germans will seek the ends of the earth to rebuild their shattered fortunes—for, win or lose, Germany's commerce has been annihilated, and many of her people will emigrate. These young men, perhaps themselves single-minded and innocent of guile, will find the sinister reproach of German spy-daring them in the face wherever they turn. The whole British Empire will have no room for one of them. France, Belgium, and Holland will bar them. Italy will keep them out. Argentina and perhaps Brazil will look on them with suspicion; and even in the United States, a diplomatic dispute such as has occurred several times in the past will throw them out of employment.

Secret information bought at the price of the distrust of the whole world is too dear.

### GERMAN SUFFERINGS.

HOW TRENCHES ARE BEGUN UNDER FIRE.

LONDON, December 18th.

During the bombardment of Ypres on Tuesday the Germans shelled the railway station hoping to blow up an armoured train. At the time a special train was in the station conveying 1,000 German prisoners to the south of France. Only 284 prisoners escaped injury, 161 being seriously wounded and the balance being killed. The corpses lie unburied at the railway station.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* reports that interviews with wounded German soldiers show the following method of beginning trenches under fire is common with the German army. First an officer selects a man and orders him to divest himself of his rifle and heavy pack, take a spade and march from the cover some paces in front. If the man hesitates the officer puts a revolver to his head and covers him until he has turned the first sod. The man seldom survives sufficiently long to turn more than two sods. A second, third, and fourth man follow until the beginning of the trench is deep enough to cover a man. Then another man is sent with an armoured-plated shield which is set up in the hole, thus enabling the rest of the men to work in comparative safety. On an average 15 men are shot down before the beginning of the trench is effected.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Paris correspondent also states that many wounded German soldiers have been brought to French hospitals naked, their comrades having stripped them in order to send their clothes to Germany for drafts. A wounded man said the German Red Cross officials had orders to pick up officers only, unless there was ample room for men. Several times he saw severely wounded men shot as they lay on the field and stripped of their uniforms and accoutrements before their bodies were cold.

### THE KAISER ON GERMANY'S "BRILLIANT SUCCESSES."

A copy of the Kaiser's order to his troops has been found on German wounded in East Prussia. It reads:—

Thanks to the valour of my horses, France has been severely punished, Belgium, which interfered with our attack, has been added to our glorious provinces, while Germany's punitive expedition to Russia has also been a brilliant success.

But although we have received due requital for our affronted patriotism we must turn to the new task of protecting the hearths which moribund France and barbarous Russia are preparing to attack. Henceforward the military operations must take a new form. It is necessary to concentrate our energies upon the repulse of our enemies. Otherwise Germany may be transformed into an enslaved and degraded province of Russia or France.

Remember, not one step backward into our country.

### THE GERMAN SPY SERVICE IN THE FIELD.

Remarkable instances are continually being discovered of the elaborate arrangements made by the Germans to aid their spy service. A wonderful find of this sort was made recently at Laventie. The town had been formerly in possession of the Germans. They were driven out of it, and it was occupied by the British. The Germans in their turn battered it and our men had to retire for a while. Some time after, when the shell-fire had ceased, a party of British officers went over the ruins to examine the effect of the explosions. In the course of their inspection they came upon no fewer than four subterranean telephone lines running towards the German positions, which had been laid by the Germans during their occupation to be used by their spies after they had retired.

## NEUTRAL OBSERVER WITH THE GERMANY ARMY.

BIG GUNS ITS SCALE ADVANTAGE.

The *Times* publishes a long article from the pen of a neutral who accompanied the Germany Army into Northern France. He says in part:—

To put the matter in a few words, the sole advantage possessed at the present by the heavy artillery, the great siege guns, and the preponderance of machine guns. Their individual rifle fire is, as a rule, inferior to the French, and cannot for a moment be compared to the accuracy or efficiency of the British. As to their transport, the best of it, including almost all of the big motor vans and motor lorries, went with the Army of advance. That of the Landwehr and Landsturm is rather of a make-shift character, furniture vans and wagons of all sorts and descriptions having been pressed into service. In many cases the lettering is still visible, shows them to have been commandeered since the arrival of the Army of Occupation on Belgian soil. The horses are of a very inferior quality, except those of the Uhlans and mounted forces.

Where the Germans obtained their vast array of automobiles and motor-cycles might at first be thought a mystery, but out of the 50 that the writer saw gathered before the Headquarters, over one half were of foreign make, there being many English and a few American cars among them. One never sees a galloping orderly: war has lost much of its spectacular side.

With the Army of Occupation are large numbers of German boy scouts, aged from 15 to 17 years; they are all mounted on bicycles, and there are to every infantry regiment at least 10 bicycle scouts, and to every brigade motor-cyclists as well, many possessing English and American motor-cycles.

The military motor-cars, almost without exception, are equipped with wire cutters, a framework of light steel that protects both lamps and extends over the heads of the occupants of the car, thus protecting them from the wires which have often been stretched at night between the trees at about the height that would catch the occupants of a motor vehicle across the throat.

Besides the soup kitchens and army bakeries on wheels that trundle along with the Army, and keep steadily at work on the march, the German machine possesses travelling chemist shops, automobile repair wagons, and others for the repairing of aeroplanes, each with a force of trained mechanics; a force of wheelwrights and carpenters is in every division. In little or no time they transform a jaxcab into an ambulance capable of carrying eight men.

The bureau of mis-information must possess as efficient a staff as that of the intelligence department. Only a week or so ago many of the German soldiers believed that the Allies were utterly defeated; General French was a prisoner; and that their own troops were in Paris.

Mobs in London were besieging the War Office, clamouring for the war to cease.

### BRILLIANT FEAT OF ARMS.

400 GERMANS CAPTURED BY 90 BRITISH.

The *Liberté* (Paris) of November 17th records a feat of arms near Ypres by an English detachment of 80 soldiers, which, separated from its regiment, made 400 prisoners. The episode, says the writer, places in brilliant relief the tranquil heroism of our valiant British allies. It was at the end of the day of November 14th, consigned by many combatants one of the most terrible since the commencement of the campaign. The battle was at its maximum of intensity. For the twenty times, perhaps, the Germans returned to assault the Allies' positions between Hollebeke and Messines.

In course of the flux and reflux of so determined a struggle a detachment of an English infantry regiment found itself isolated. In vain it sought to retire, but the way was barred. Happily, night fell, and the men in khaki found a refuge in a little wood in the neighbourhood. There they hid themselves, as best they could, in the undergrowth, whilst the officers consulted together. Several solutions were examined, none appeared practical. The chief of the detachment then assembled his men, and addressed them as follows:—"My friends, we are surrounded, and there is little chance of escaping from the fate which you all know. I'm sure you will defend your liberty to the utmost. Now let us take a little rest. To-morrow we will consider our position."

These proud words were listened to with admirable "flegme." Not a man showed signs of fear, and when the major ended the detachment stretched itself quietly on the ground and awaited developments. The night was untroubled by any attack, but at dawn a violent fusillade broke out near the wood. Profiting by the obscurity, the Allies had advanced close to the German lines, and when day broke they commenced a vigorous counter-attack.

Suddenly the major of the detachment had an inspiration. "Lie down," he said, "and don't fire until I give the order." Some minutes later the Germans were forced back upon the little wood. This was the moment awaited by the English officer. "Fix bayonets. Charge," he cried. The men emerged from their hiding places, flung themselves upon the enemy, and threw them into confusion. Not knowing the number of their adversaries, who had intervened so suddenly in the fight, the majority of the Germans threw down their arms and surrendered to the number of 400. The others succeeded in getting away.

### THE "CORMORAN" INTERNED.

The Navy Department, Washington, has been advised by the Governor of Guam that the German converted cruiser *Cormoran* had been interned there. The *Cormoran* is one of the ships which escaped from Tsingtau before the Japanese declared a blockade on Kiaochow.

The London *Daily Telegraph's* Shilling Fund for a Christmas Gift to King Albert for the Belgium people amounted on 5th November to over a million shillings.

## TELEGRAM.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

### ROYAL FAMILY AT SANDRINGHAM FOR CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Their Majesties the King and Queen have gone to Sandringham for Christmas. An enthusiastic crowd witnessed their departure.

### KOWLOON FLOUR MILL COLLAPSES.

A somewhat sensational incident occurred in Kowloon yesterday morning when an Indian flour mill suddenly collapsed and buried six employees; three of whom were seriously injured. The mill is situated in Austin Road, and it is supposed that the vibration of the grinding machinery proved too much for the shaky structure, which caved in without the slightest warning. One of the employees, an Indian, had both his legs broken, and he, along with two other men, was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital. The other three employees who were buried under the debris suffered greatly from shock. One of the injured employees, a Chinese woman, is so seriously injured that she is not expected to survive.

### CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND AUSTRIAN LINERS.

An Exchange Telegraph Company's message from Peking appearing in the London papers of November 17th states that the Chinese Government is endeavouring to purchase a number of Austro-Lloyd steamers, now lying at Shanghai, for the purpose of putting them on the route to the United States under the Chinese flag.

### THE GALLANT WEST KENTS.

Thrilling narratives are published in the latest Home papers of the bravery of the West Kents, who covered the retreat of the Fifth Division after the battle at Mons and figured prominently in the fighting along the Aisne. Their latest exploit was the five days' defence of Neuve Chapelle against heavy odds at the end of October. A tremendous fire forced the Yorkshire Light Infantry to evacuate trenches, leaving the Kents' left flank exposed. The German trenches were only 500 yards distant. Desperate attacks followed. The Kents shattered the attackers with their rifle fire and then drove them back with a bayonet charge. The Germans renewed the attack on the following day when the trenches were but 250 yards apart. The Germans worked to the rear of the Kents. Twelve officers and over 300 members of the Kent regiments were either killed, wounded, or missing before reinforcements of Indian and French troops enabled a counter-attack to be made. Then all the lost trenches were recovered. General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien visited the scene of the battle and specially commended the West Kents.

### THROUGH GERMAN SPECTACLES.

IRON CROSS FOR KAISER'S CHAMPION ROMANCE.

WHEN THE WAR WILL COME TO AN END.

The gratifying announcement is made in the semi-official *Kölnische Zeitung* that the Kaiser has conferred the Iron Cross on the director of the Wolff Bureau. No man in Germany had a better claim to it. He has raised lying to the status of a fine art. Mere mendacity has been thrown entirely in the shade by his colossal efforts. Ananias was a child compared with him, and met a just fate; for the bungler, the fiery furnace; for the artist, the Iron Cross.

Under the direction of this expert, the German Press for nearly four months has poured a constant stream of splanetic abuse on Britain and all things British, and no fiction has been too grotesque to serve its purpose. It set out to fan the flames of German hatred; it has succeeded in making itself supremely ridiculous.

The Iron Cross, however, has spurred it to still more ambitious efforts. Here is one of them, the source being the *Vossische Zeitung*:—

If we Germans wish to see the British scuttling out of India we have an excellent means ready to hand towards hastening such an eventuality. Let us do all we can to help our brown-skinned prisoners back to their own country. Then, as a running fire, the tidings will spread through every bazaar in India: "The white sahibs have been beaten by the Germans."

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By Order,

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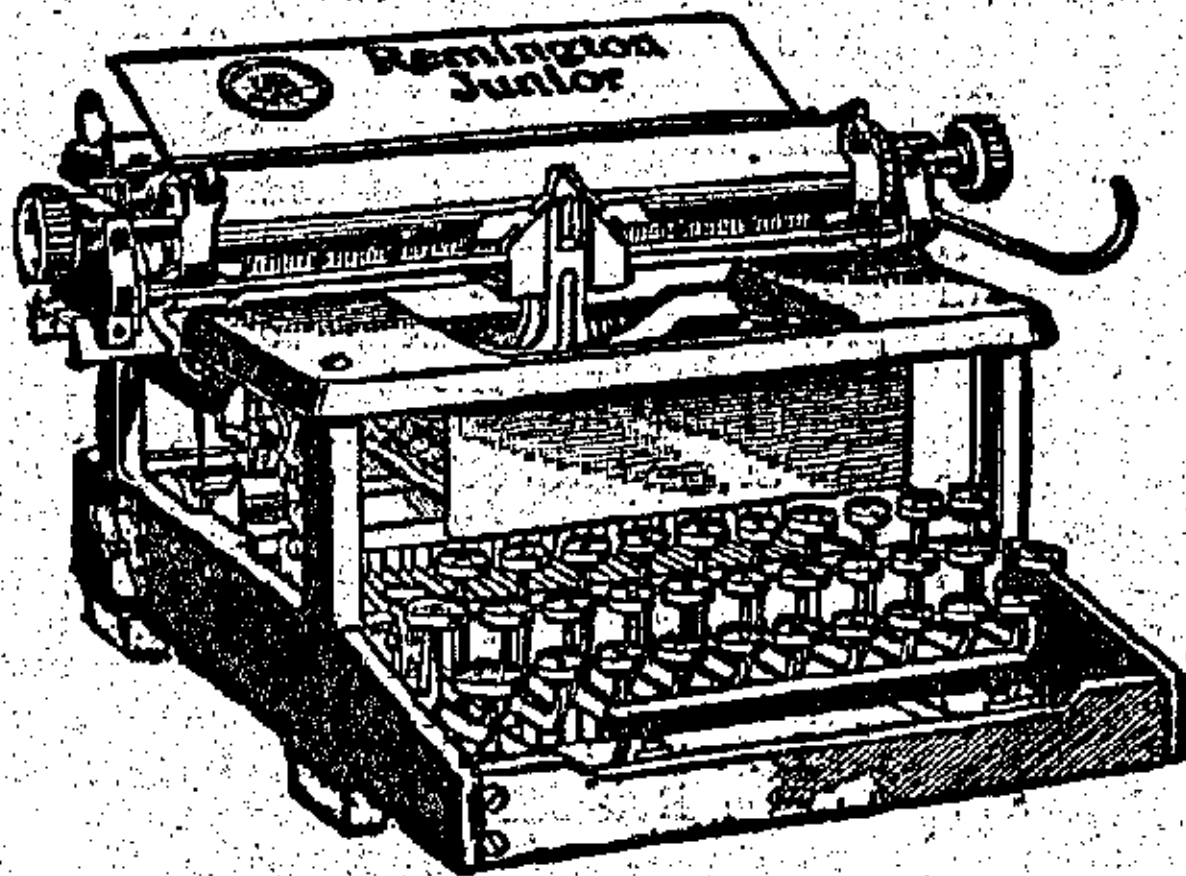
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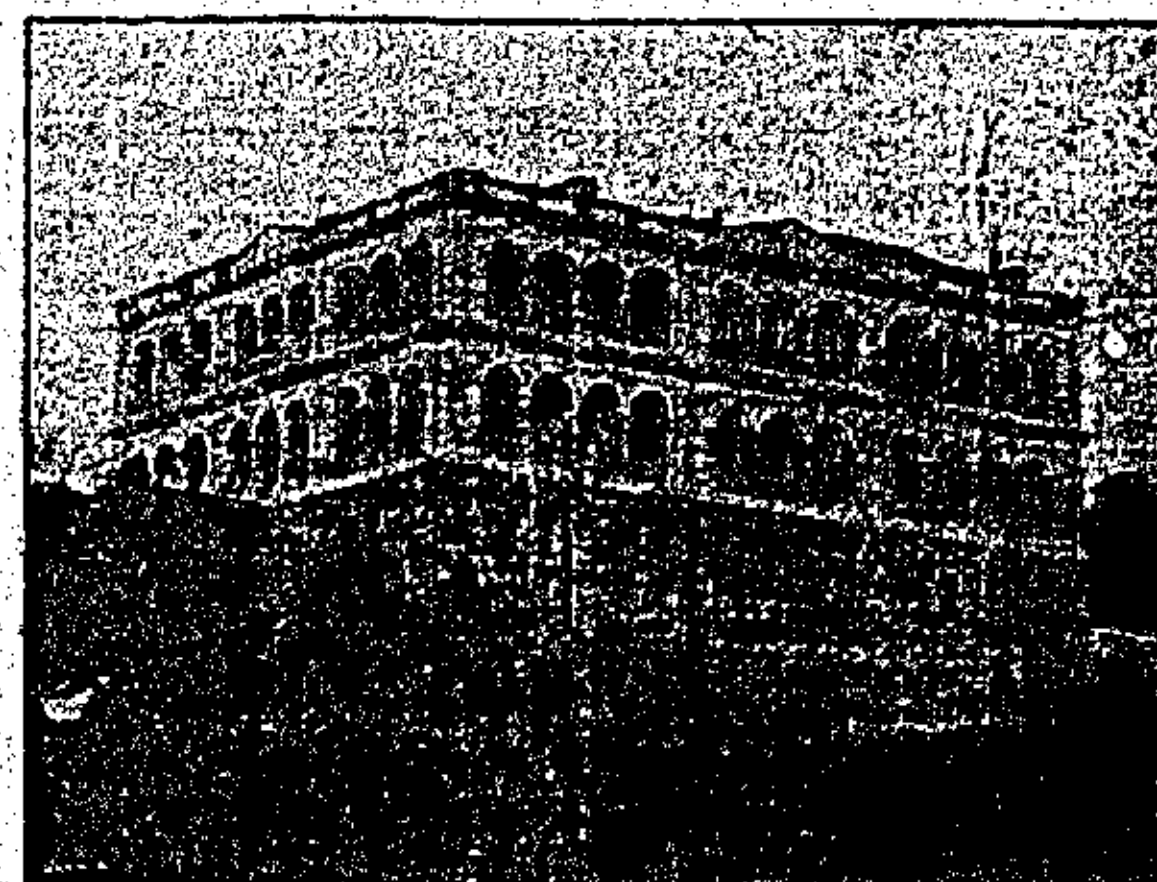
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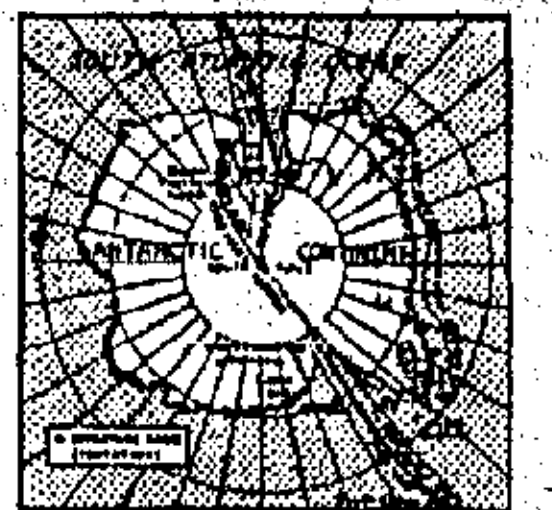
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# A DENTAL AGREEMENT.

CRAGO v. NOBLE.

ACTION IN SINGAPORE.

Mr. Justice Earnshaw, in the Supreme Court, Singapore, has tried an action brought by Mr. J. M. Crago against Dr. J. W. Noble in respect of an agreement entered into between them. Mr. Upcott was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Carver for the defendant.

There were certain agreed facts, a statement of which was put in by Mr. Upcott, says the *Strait Times*. Those facts are to the effect that defendant is a dental surgeon and has carried on business by himself or his agents at Hongkong since 1887, at Singapore since 1890 and at Ipoh during the last few years. For periods extending from 1890 to 1903 defendant was personally in charge at Singapore, but his head office is in Hongkong, where he now practises. The plaintiff also is a dental surgeon, and in 1901 entered into an agreement with Dr. Noble in which he agreed to act as agent and assistant. That agreement expired in 1906 and a fresh one was entered into, the period of service to be for five and a half years. Plaintiff was employed under that agreement in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur and became acquainted with defendant's patients at Singapore. The business of the defendant in Singapore, according to the facts agreed upon, enjoys a high reputation and is a valuable one. Subsequently, plaintiff applied to Dr. Noble for his consent, in writing, to practise in Singapore, but this consent was refused.

His Lordship asked whether plaintiff was asking solely for permission to practise in Singapore, and not the F.M.S., whereupon it was stated that he was already practising, the consent being had in the F.M.S. because of the Indian Contract Act which prevailed there.

The action, Mr. Upcott went on, turned on one clause of the agreement, the sole point being as to whether that clause stood or fell as a whole, or whether, being invalid, it did not hold as to Singapore. The clause in question was to the effect that plaintiff agreed that he would not for a space of twenty-one years from the date of agreement, at Hongkong, Singapore, or in any of the treaty ports of China and Japan, at Bangkok, or in Coochin China, in the Federated Malay States or the Straits Settlements, without the consent in writing of the defendant being first obtained, carry on or be engaged in, either directly or indirectly, whether solely or in partnership, or on account of anyone, other than defendant, the business of a dental surgeon. In the event of a breach of this agreement, the terms of the agreement were that Dr. Noble should be paid the sum of £100 for each and every month or part of a month for which Mr. Crago might have been engaged, the money to be recoverable monthly for liquidating damages and not as penalty. The whole issue, therefore, was whether plaintiff, having regard to the clause quoted, was or was not entitled to practise as a dental surgeon in Singapore. Mr. Upcott remarked that the covenant put out of bounds most of the Middle and the Far East.

His Lordship—Half of Asia, in fact. Mr. Upcott cited various authorities and cases bearing upon the case, from his point of view, Mr. Carver replying with others which, he held, supported his arguments.

In the end judgment was given for Dr. Noble against Mr. Crago. The Judge held that although clause 7 was too wide and unreasonable and therefore invalid as regards Hongkong and Singapore. Judgment would be for defendant with costs.

## JAPANESE SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

### A GRADUAL REDUCTION.

The Japanese Government has introduced into the House of Representatives a Bill providing for a renewal of subsidies to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Osaka Shosen Kaisha and a few other shipping companies. The term of subsidies now granted these companies expires by the end of this year.

The subsidies to be renewed are as follows:—

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|-----------------------|-----------|
|                       | Yen.      |
| 1915                  | 1,832,800 |
| 1916                  | 1,811,010 |
| 1917                  | 1,754,190 |
| 1918                  | 1,689,805 |
| 1919                  | 1,609,272 |

Total ..... 8,667,050  
The total subsidies now granted on this service are Yen 9,487,46.

| THE NORTH AMERICAN SERVICE. |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
|                             | Yen.      |
| 1915                        | 2,924,777 |
| 1916                        | 2,940,912 |
| 1917                        | 2,862,119 |
| 1918                        | 2,669,925 |
| 1919                        | 2,509,187 |

Total ..... 13,855,010  
The total subsidies now in force on this line are Yen 22,907,123.

| THE SOUTH AMERICAN SERVICE. |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
|                             | Yen.    |
| 1915                        | 303,906 |
| 1916                        | 297,558 |
| 1917                        | 291,211 |
| 1918                        | 284,363 |
| 1919                        | 269,350 |

Total ..... 1,446,888  
The total subsidies now in force are Yen 1,623,707.

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|-------------------------|---------|
|                         | Yen.    |
| 1915                    | 133,206 |
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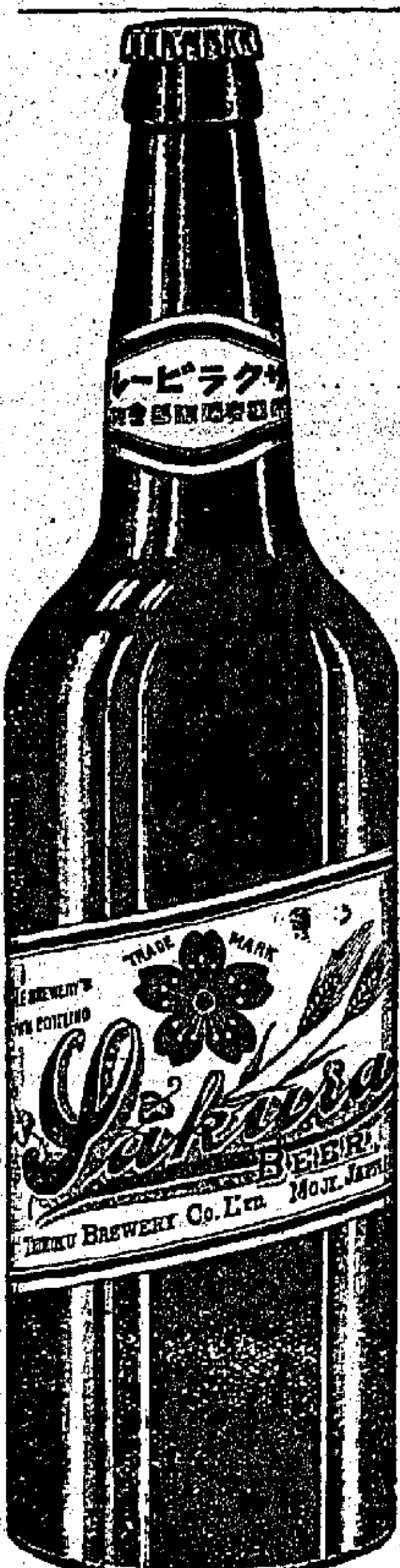
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"Things have been pretty willing about Ypres," remarked the city clerk at the boarding-house breakfast-table.

"Do you refer to the fighting around Eperay?" enquired the man with the superior air. Rumour had it that he was something in a newspaper office. The landlady's daughter, who adored him, confidently affirmed he was the editor. The city clerk, who worshipped the linoleum she walked on, vowed that he cleaned the machine rollers.

"I think we both allude to the one place," retorted the clerk, with hauteur; "but we in the city generally call it Ypres."

"We in the city" sounded impressive. There was a vague belief among his fellow-boarders, with one exception, that Mr. Quillpush was somehow responsible for the re-opening of the Stock Exchange, an impression that Mr. Q. took no particular pains to combat.

"Ypres, the matter?" inquired the humourist of the party—one of a type who flourish on free soil, living monuments to the toleration of the British race. "I heard it called Eperay the other day," ventured the little milliner timidly. "And why, pray?" put in the pertinaacious punster; but his auditors were either snuffed or dense, and the pearl was wasted.

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9, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 22nd October, 1914. [969]

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## THE OUTLOOK IN GERMANY.

We publish to-day, says the *Times* of November 18th, an exceedingly interesting statement by "a distinguished citizen of a 'neutral country' who has just spent seven weeks in Germany. He is a man of sound judgment and exceptional experience, who knows the country intimately, and has had unusual opportunities for forming accurate conclusions regarding its internal condition. We believe the picture he draws to be entirely trustworthy. He says he saw 'the effect of her great adventure.' The people have not yet grasped the real situation, the Government and the newspapers unite in deceiving them. On the other hand, neither the Government nor the Press can deceive for a moment the great bankers, the great shipowners, the captains of industry, and the magnates of commerce.

Such men as Herr Ballin and Herr Heinemann, Herr von Gwinner and Herr Thyssen, and many others who might be named, are international figures who understand the truth perfectly well. They are intensely patriotic and are as anxious for victory as any Junker, but 'it is becoming increasingly plain to them that they cannot win.' Our correspondent says that Germany 'has been plunged into a great and pathetic adventure.' The General Staff told the business men of Westphalia and Silesia and Hamburg and Bremen that they would smash France in three weeks, and then knock out Russia before she had time to complete her mobilization. From Belgium they expected sudden acquiescence, and from Great Britain entire inaction. Every one of these expectations has been falsified, as we have repeatedly pointed out, and the best and coolest brains in Germany begin to perceive that the Empire is engaged in a hopeless struggle against inevitable defeat. They see the seas swept clear of their mercantile marine, their factories almost idle, their supplies of cotton, copper, petroleum, and other raw commodities steadily vanishing. They realize vividly that the longer they fight the worse will be the economic condition of their country when the verdict of the war is finally registered against them, as is now certain. The populace may cheer and keep up its enthusiasm, but these men of cosmopolitan knowledge, who have built up the industrial greatness of Germany, are under no delusions as to what must happen when silence finally overtakes their mills and their foundries, and paralysis deadens their markets and their credits. They know, too, that it is England they have chiefly to thank for the downfall of all their hopes. It is the majestic but invisible Grand Fleet that is wrecking their prosperity and ruining their trade, by depriving them of the commodities which would be the life-blood of Germany at this juncture. Men of the type we have named are, we think, too broad in their views and their outlook to feel the ferocious and senseless hatred of England so widely expressed in Germany just now—a hatred, we may add, which is not reciprocated in the same way in this country. They are not stupid fanatics. From the moment we declared war they must have known exactly what was coming. The more thoughtful of the German statesmen, who were not carried off their feet by the war party, knew it too. Prince von Bismarck wrote only a few months ago:—"We are now vulnerable at sea. We have entrusted millions to the ocean, and with these millions the wealth and woe of many of our countrymen." Prince von Bismarck went on to say that the destruction of the German mercantile marine would result in "an economic crisis, which might easily attain the proportions of a national catastrophe." An equivalent result has been attained, and there are signs that the catastrophe in Germany cannot be indefinitely delayed.

We are not in the least disturbed by the constant repetition of the ridiculous assertion that Great Britain "organized" the war. The men who have made modern industrial Germany, the Germans with the best brains, know very well that we did not, whatever it may suit them to say on public platforms in reference to the passions of the hour. Since day the common people in Germany will know the truth also, and then we may see their extraordinary tendency to demented emotion turned against the soldiers and the sailors who have led them into their present plight. If Great Britain had cherished the remotest intention of "organizing" a huge Continental war, we should not to-day be engaged in the belated occupation of hastily improvising great armies, nor should we be at this time of day summoning to our aid our kinsmen from the ends of the earth. Moreover, had we been ready, as Germany was, there would not have been a single German left in Belgium to-day. As it is, the German Army is still confronting the Belgian frontier, a series of attacks which we have to confess are formidable enough to tax our troops to the utmost. The Germans continue to pour fresh forces against the left wing of the Allied line because they know that there lies their last chance of maintaining the fool's paradise in which their people dwell. If they can cry aloud in the streets of Berlin, "We have taken Calais," the military party can postpone their confession of failure a little longer. If they cannot, their last hope has gone. These tactics suit us very well. The strain is great, but we think we can stand it. The more German Army Corps the Allies can hold up in Northern France, the better the chance for the swift flow of Russian invasion into Prussia. We need more men, and still more, for, whatever may happen afterwards, the real overthrow of Germany can be effected now if only we are strong enough to hold our ground. Every good man we can put in the trenches now will be worth a company later on. It is not enough to say that the Germans cannot win. We have to make the whole German nation feel what their shrewdest men already perceive with bitter clearness. We can only do it by holding them back now, and then steadily thrusting forward masses of reinforcements to press them across the frontiers from which they should never have emerged.—*The Times.*

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The str. *Orissa* left Calcutta on the 23rd December, and may be expected here on or about the 15th January.

## RUBBER SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE.

The Secretary of the Rubber Growers' Association states that direct shipments of rubber to France are now permissible provided the bills of lading are made out to a definite consignee in France, and it is believed the shipping companies are prepared to issue through bills on these conditions.

With respect to the French import duty (*surcharge d'entrepot*) upon indirect rubber shipments, the Secretary of the Association has received a letter from the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, stating that the exemption accorded by the French Government under certain specified conditions applies only to products of extra-European origin which were originally destined for France or Algeria and were disembarked in British ports in consequence of the war. It does not apply to extra-European products in general regardless of their original destination. His Majesty's Ambassador at Bordeaux hopes to learn shortly whether the remaining French colonies and protectorates are included in this arrangement.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hong-kong:—

| ADDRESS                           | FROM         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Brandt, Dorothy Lyman             | Shanghai     |
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| Changning Hotel                   | Manila       |
| Chiboya, 74, Siongnang            | Batavia      |
| Collias, Passenger, Oriental      | Bangkok      |
| Friksen, Mr., Pak Hotel           | Manila       |
| Heise, Hongkong Hotel             | Manila       |
| Siddha Canganay                   | Manila       |
| Sigon                             | Manila       |
| Silva Julio, Astor House          | Manila       |
| Sutton, Henry, Pitt St.           | Manila       |
| Willebrink                        | Manila       |
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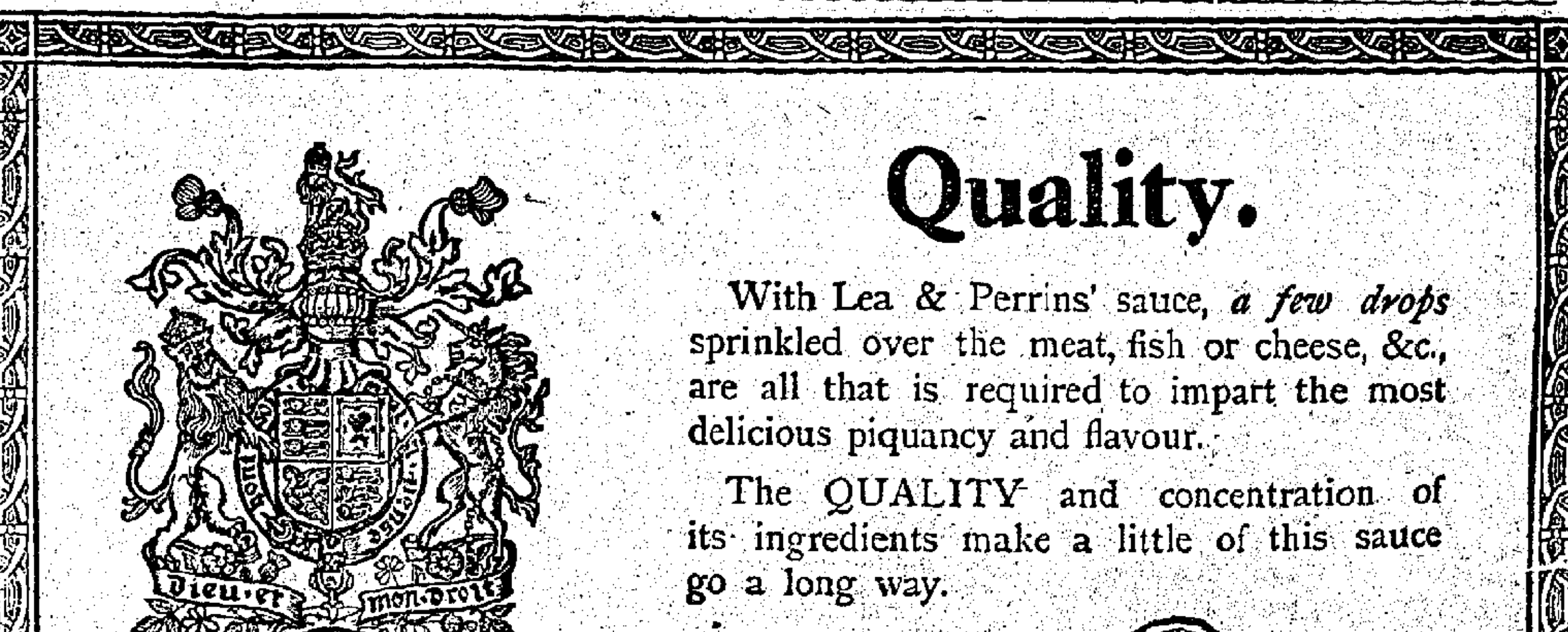
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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

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On Friday, the 25th, and Saturday, the 26th, January, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m.  
In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof.  
There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sunday.  
There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence during the morning of the 26th inst. and 2nd January.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

| FOR                                                                                                                                                                              | FOR                   | DATE                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Haitan ... ..         | Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.                                                |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Shanghai ... ..       | Friday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.                                                |
| Swatow and Bangkok ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | Drufar ... ..         | Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.                                              |
| SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA<br>(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)                                                                                                                                 | Lianyungang ... ..    | Saturday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.                                              |
| [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O.<br>Thursday, 31st inst.]                                                                                                             |                       |                                                                        |
| Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui ... ..                                                                                                                                                   | Dafin Maru ... ..     | Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.                                                |
| Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... ..                                                                                                                                                | Singap ... ..         | Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.                                                |
| Swatow ... ..                                                                                                                                                                    | Haitan ... ..         | Sunday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.                                                |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | Tuansang ... ..       | Monday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.                                                |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | Funchow ... ..        | Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.                                                |
| Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay ... ..                                                                                                                                      | Luson Maru ... ..     | Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.                                                |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Choyang ... ..        | Monday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.                                                |
| Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji<br>Victoria, B.C., Tacoma and United<br>Kingdom via Canada                                                                              | Shidevaka Maru ... .. | Tuesday, 29th,<br>Registration ... 9.30 A.M.<br>Letters ... 10.00 A.M. |
| SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA<br>NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED<br>STATES, CANADA VIA SAN FRANCISCO ... ..                                                                        | Siberia ... ..        | Tuesday, 29th,<br>Registration ... 11.00 A.M.<br>Letters ... NOON      |
| [Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O.<br>Friday, 1st Jan.]                                                                                                                 |                       |                                                                        |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Haitan ... ..         | Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 P.M.                                               |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Funchow ... ..        | Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.                                               |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | Tuansang ... ..       | Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.                                               |
| Straits, Colombo, Suez, Forland, Marseilles<br>and United Kingdom ... ..                                                                                                         | Fushimi Maru ... ..   | Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.                                             |
| Swatow ... ..                                                                                                                                                                    | Haitan ... ..         | Wednesday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.                                             |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Funchow ... ..        | Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.                                              |
| --- JANUARY, 1915 ---                                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                                                        |
| Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New<br>Zealand via Port Darwin and New<br>Guinea via Thursday Island ... ..                                                                 | Changsha ... ..       | Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.                                                |
| SAIGON, STRAITS, BURMAH, CAYLON,<br>ADELPHIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA,<br>INDIA, AFRICA, EGYPT AND EUROPE ... ..                                                                      |                       |                                                                        |
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| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Haitan ... ..         | Tuesday, 15th,<br>Prints, Matter and Sam-<br>ples ... 10.00 A.M.       |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Funchow ... ..        | Registration ... 10.15 A.M.                                            |
| Philippine Islands ... ..                                                                                                                                                        | Tuansang ... ..       | Registration with late fee<br>of 10 cents up to 10.30 A.M.             |
| Straits, Colombo, Suez, Forland, Marseilles<br>and United Kingdom ... ..                                                                                                         | Fushimi Maru ... ..   | Registration Kowloon<br>B.O. ... 9.30 A.M.                             |
| Swatow ... ..                                                                                                                                                                    | Haitan ... ..         | Letters ... 11.00 A.M.                                                 |
| Shanghai and North China ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | Funchow ... ..        | Letters ... 11.00 A.M.                                                 |

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## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 24th.

|                |                                        |            |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| ON LONDON:—    | Telegraphic Transfer .....             | 1/9 1/2    |
|                | Bank Bills, on demand .....            | 1/9 1/2    |
|                | Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight .....    | 1/9 1/2    |
|                | Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight .....   | 1/9 1/2    |
|                | Credits, at 4 months' sight .....      | 1/9 1/2    |
|                | Documentary Bills 4 months' sight/1/10 |            |
| ON PARIS:—     | Bank Bills, on demand .....            | 22 1/2     |
|                | Credits, at 4 months' sight .....      | 23 1/2     |
| ON GERMANY:—   | On demand .....                        | nom.       |
| ON NEW YORK:—  | Bank Bills, on demand .....            | 43 1/2     |
|                | Credits, at 60 days' sight .....       | nom.       |
| ON BOMBAY:—    | Telegraphic Transfer .....             | nom.       |
|                | Bank, on demands .....                 | 133 1/2    |
| ON CALCUTTA:—  | Telegraphic Transfer .....             | nom.       |
|                | Bank, on demand .....                  | 133 1/2    |
| ON SHANGHAI:—  | Bank, at sight .....                   | 78         |
|                | Private, 30 days' sight .....          | nom.       |
| ON YOKOHAMA:—  | On demand .....                        | 87 1/2     |
| ON MANILA:—    | On demand—Fisco .....                  | 87 1/2     |
| ON SINGAPORE:— | On demand .....                        | 107        |
| ON BATAVIA:—   | On demand .....                        | 5 1/2 p.m. |
| ON HAIPHONG:—  | On demand .....                        | 6 1/2 p.m. |
| ON SAIGON:—    | On demand .....                        | 6 1/2 p.m. |
| ON BANGKOK:—   | On demand .....                        | 87 1/2     |
|                | SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate .....   | \$11.15    |
|                | GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael .....    | \$57.00    |
|                | SILVER, per oz. ....                   | 22 1/2     |

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## TO-DAY

Christmas Day.—Public Holiday.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, 28th Dec.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of A. Valuable Collection  
of Antique China and Curios at Sales Rooms,  
by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.  
3 p.m.—Auction of Right to Quarry Stone,  
by Public Works Dept.  
Tuesday, 29th Dec.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of A. Valuable Collection  
of Antique China and Curios at Sales Rooms,  
by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.  
Friday, 1st Jan.—  
New Year Day.—Public Holiday.  
Saturday, 2nd Jan.—  
9.15 p.m.—A.D.C. at the Theatre Royal—  
"Snowwhite and the Frog Prince."  
Wednesday, 6th Jan.—  
4.30 p.m.—Matinee A.D.C. at the Theatre  
Royal—"Snowwhite and the Frog Prince."  
Saturday, 30th Jan.—  
8 p.m.—A Garden Fête in the grounds of the  
University.

## SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 24th DECEMBER, 1914.

| STOCKS.                                                             | NO. OF<br>SHARES. | VALUE    | PAID<br>UP. | CLOSING QUOTA-<br>TIONS CASH. | RETURN<br>ON BASIS<br>OF LAST<br>DIV'D. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| BANKS.—                                                             |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation                                | 120,000           | \$125    | all         | \$750, sales                  |                                         |
| China Bank Corporation, Limited                                     | 60,000            | \$12     | all         | \$101, buyers                 |                                         |
| China Light and Power Company, Ltd.                                 | 50,000            | \$1      | all         | \$4, sellers                  |                                         |
| China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.                          | 200,000           | \$10     | all         | \$7 1/2, buyers               |                                         |
| COTTON MILLS.—                                                      |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.                             | 20,000            | Tls. 50  | all         | Tls. 117                      |                                         |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.                                  | 125,000           | \$10     | all         | \$7, sellers                  |                                         |
| (In Liquidation)                                                    |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| Dairy Farm Company, Limited                                         | 40,000            | \$7 1/2  | all         | \$35, sellers                 |                                         |
| DOCKS AND WHARVES.—                                                 |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & S. Co., Ltd.                               | 60,000            | \$50     | all         | \$74, sellers                 |                                         |
| H'kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.                                   | 50,000            | \$63     | all         | \$59                          |                                         |
| New Amoy Dock Co., Limited                                          | 50,000            | \$100    | all         | Tls. 53                       |                                         |
| Shai, Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.                                | 36,000            | Tls. 100 | all         | Tls. 65                       |                                         |
| Shai, and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.                                  | 400,000           | \$10     | all         | \$5, buyers                   |                                         |
| Green Island Cement Co., Limited                                    | 80,000            | \$10     | all         | \$38, buyers                  |                                         |
| Hongkong Electric Co., Limited                                      | 20,000            | \$50     | all         | \$120, buyers                 |                                         |
| Hongkong Hotel Company Limited                                      | 5,000             | \$25     | all         | \$195, buyers                 |                                         |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited                                       | 60,000            | \$10     | all         | \$25                          |                                         |
| Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                               | 15,000            | \$5      | all         | \$2                           |                                         |
| H'kong & South China Steam Fishers Co., Ltd.                        | 15,000            | \$10     | all         | \$10                          |                                         |
| Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.                                    | 325,000           | \$5      | all         | \$5.10, buyers                |                                         |
| Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.                                          |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| INSURANCES.—                                                        |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited                                | 10,000            | \$250    | \$50        | \$345, sellers                |                                         |
| China Fire Insurance Co., Limited                                   | 20,000            | \$100    | \$20        | \$149                         |                                         |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.                                   | 8,000             | \$250    | \$50        | \$385, sal. & sel.            |                                         |
| North China Insurance Co., Limited                                  | 12,000            | \$215    | \$25        | Tls. 145                      |                                         |
| Union Insurance Society, Limited                                    | 12,000            | \$250    | \$100       | \$770, buyers                 |                                         |
| Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.                                 | 12,000            | \$100    | \$60        | \$200                         |                                         |
| LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—                                               |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.                                | 50,000            | \$100    | all         | \$114, sellers                |                                         |
| Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.                                       | 10,000            | \$100    | all         | \$100                         |                                         |
| Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.                                 | 50,000            | \$100    | \$75        | \$200                         |                                         |
| Hempstead Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.                              | 150,000           | \$10     | all         | \$7 1/2                       |                                         |
| Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.                                 | 6,000             | \$50     | \$50        | \$44                          |                                         |
| Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.                                  | 78,000            | Tls. 50  | all         | Tls. 71 1/2                   |                                         |
| West Point Building Co., Limited                                    | 12,500            | \$50     | all         | \$71                          |                                         |
| Maatschappij tot Mijl-, Boort-en<br>Lendbouw exploitatie in Langkat | 250,000           | Gds. 10  | all         | Tls. 31, buyers               |                                         |
| MINING.—                                                            |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
| Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.                                | 1,000,000         | \$1      | all         | 26/6, x. div.                 |                                         |
| Heeswood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.                                | 222,000           | \$1      | all         | 2/6                           |                                         |
| Heeswood Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.                           | 200,000           | \$1      | all         | \$2.20, buyers                |                                         |
| Tromok Mines, Limited                                               | 160,000           | \$1      | all         | 25/6                          |                                         |
| Peak Tramways Co., Limited                                          | 50,000            | \$10     | \$1         | \$0.75, buyers                |                                         |
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| STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—                                               |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
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| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.                               | 60,000 pret.      | \$5      | all         | \$55, buyers                  |                                         |
| Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.                                 | 60,000 def.       | \$1      | all         | 75/-, buyers                  |                                         |
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| South China Morning Post, Limited                                   | 6,000             | \$25     | all         | \$28                          |                                         |
| Steam Landy Company, Limited                                        | 20,000            | \$5      | all         | \$44, sellers                 |                                         |
| STOCKS AND DISPENSARIES.—                                           |                   |          |             |                               |                                         |
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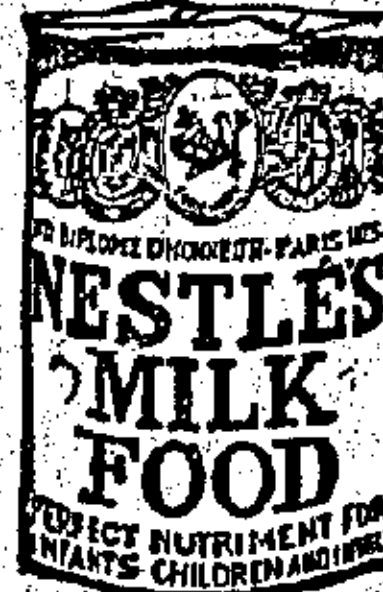
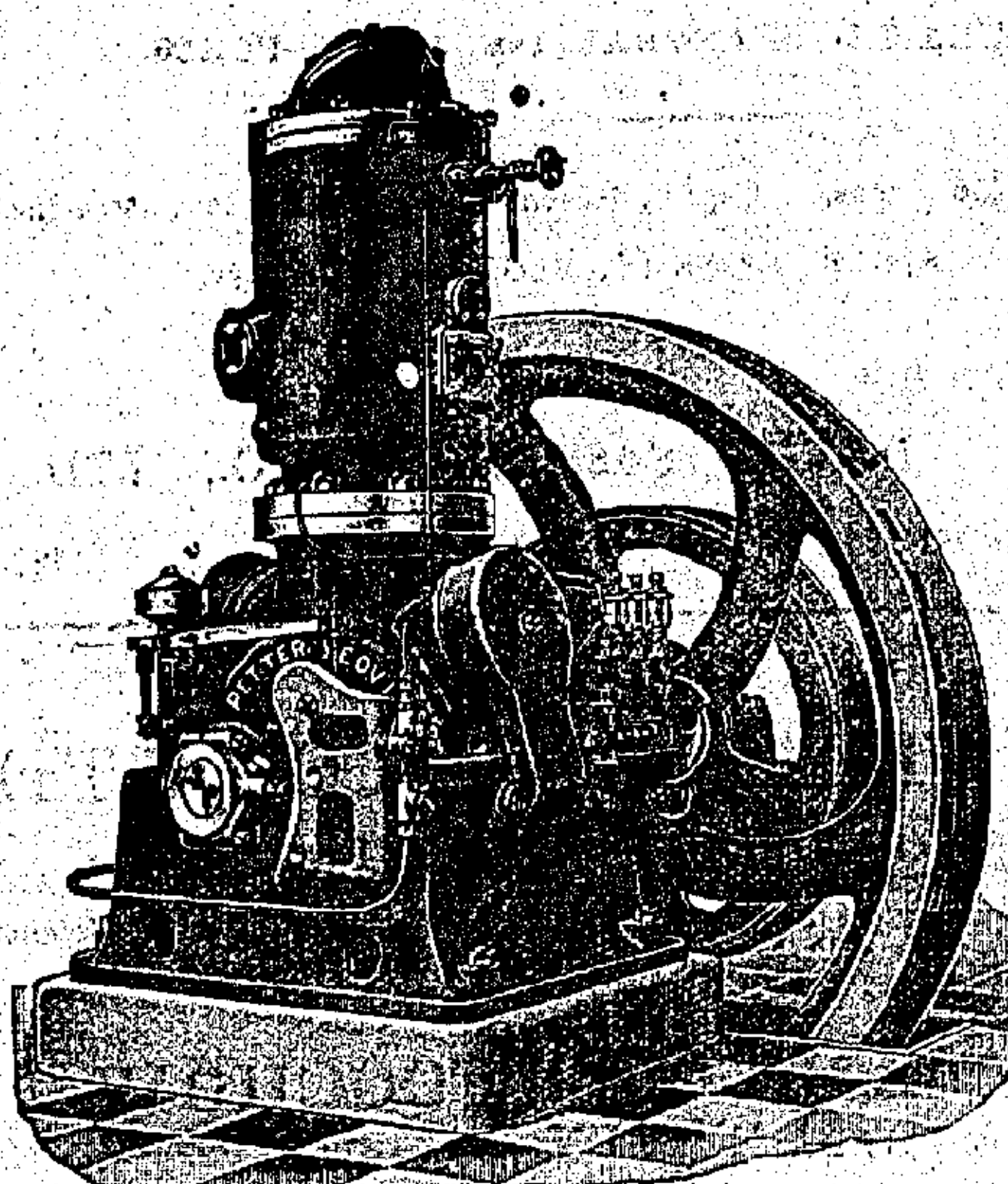
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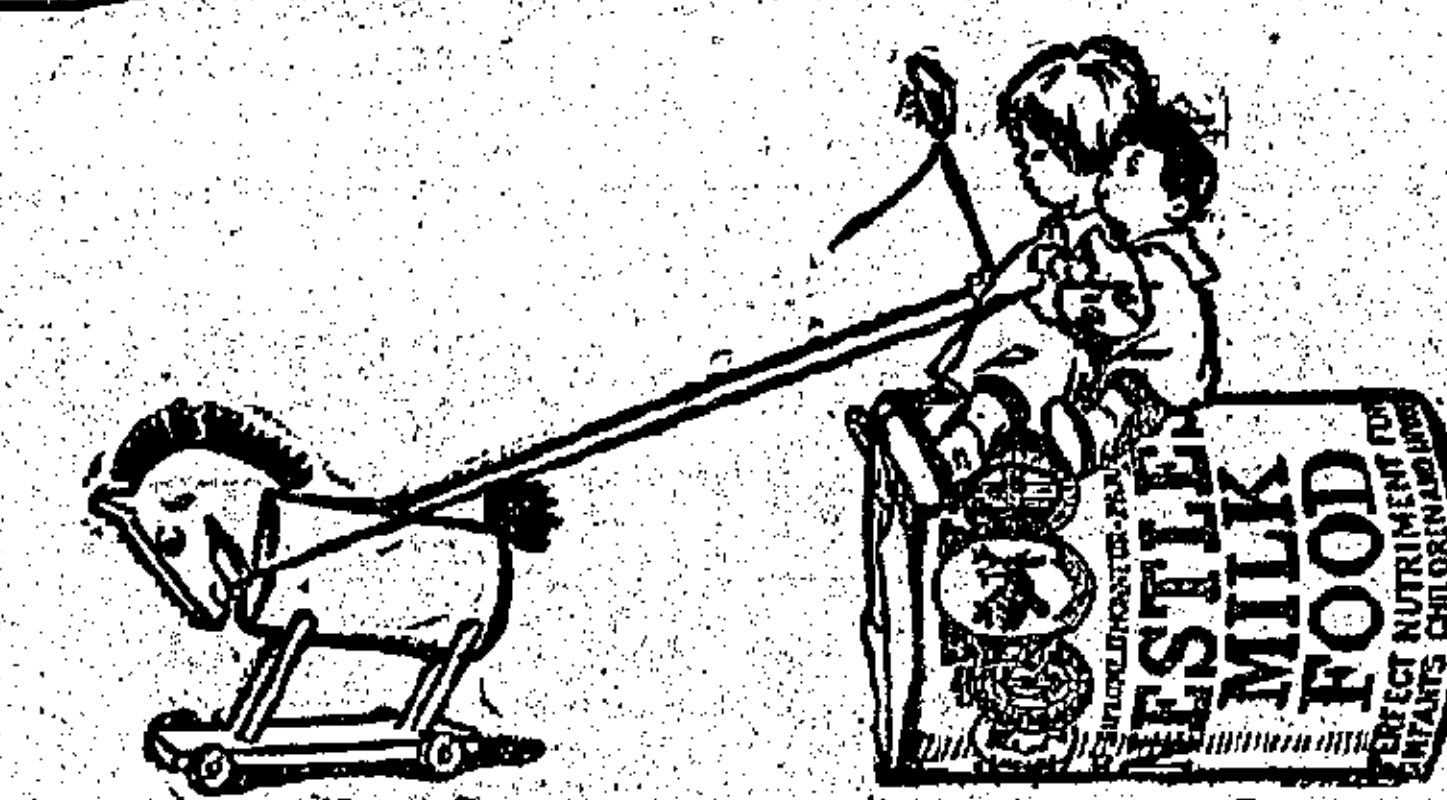
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